

## N. S. Dried Fish Markets.

Conditions in the dried fish trade are still bad, and with little or no hope of improvement in the near future. The causes are an excessive world supply of dried fish and a reduced purchasing capacity among the people of fish-eating countries. The former is chiefly the result of over production in Iceland, and the latter the result of the drop which has taken place in the value of sugar, coffee, rubber and many other tropical products. The case of Cuba and Brazil is an outstanding illustration of how trade in dried fish can be curtailed by poor markets for the things which those markets have to sell. The Cuban situation, incidentally, is not only difficult from an economic standpoint, but it is also politically dangerous. Mr. Mechado, the president of Cuba, is said to be sitting on the lid of a volcano which is being held in place only by his well-paid and well-fed Cuban army.

Just how the large balance of unsold fish now held by Iceland is going to be disposed of is not quite clear, but at present she and Norway are having a fight as to which can sell the lowest, and in those markets where Iceland fish are popular the price is away below production cost.

Some time ago we heard that Iceland was likely to reduce her production very considerably during 1931, but no news covering this point has come forward of late. It seems not unlikely, however, that the early rumor is true, as London bankers who have been backing the Iceland trawler industry must be pretty sick of their experience during the past season. If there was need of a Chadbourne in the sugar industry there would appear to be also need for one in the dried fish industry. How foolish it is for the different dried fish countries to be going on losing money if by coming together they can restrict production to a point where all of them might make at least a small profit. The difficulty, of course, is to bring them together. It would be a big man's job.

The only bit of encouraging news in the dried fish market today is that North Brazil has been placing some good orders with Newfoundland of late. On the other hand it must be noted that South Brazil markets are worse today than they were a month ago; and there you are.

The latest from Porto Rico is that prices of No. 1 Lunenburg fish are now \$30 per cask as compared with \$28 at the time of our last report. This price, however, is only equal to about \$4.25 per quintal Halifax for stock that cost the exporter \$5 ex vessel, Lunenburg, some time ago.

The competition of Newfoundland in Jamaica and some other West India markets is being felt quite keenly by our exporters at the present time.—Maritime Merchant.

## SIX ARRIVALS IN DAY'S LIST

RECEIPTS LIGHT FOR TOTAL  
AMOUNTED TO ONLY  
12,000 POUNDS.

Six small draggers and trawlers made up the arrivals here this forenoon, but the boats only averaged 2000 pounds each, one trawler having but 300 pounds, while the largest landing was one of 3500 pounds. Seven gill netters fished yesterday, landing 13,000 pounds of fresh fish during the afternoon.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Boat Natale II., dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Antonina, dragging, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Roma II., trawling, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Maria Concetta, trawling, 300 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Angie and Vence, dragging, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat D-229, trawling, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Vasco da Gama, via Boston.  
Sch. William L. Putnam, via Boston.  
Boat Bettina, via Boston.  
Sch. Ruth Lucille, via Boston.  
Sch. Babe Sears, via Boston.

### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Mary A., 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Serafina II., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Mary J. Landry, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Nashawena, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Liboria C., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Alicia, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Sailed.

Sch. Natalie Hammond, haddock-ing.  
Sch. Marie and Winifred, dragging.

### On the Railways.

Sch. Elizabeth and Ruth is on Burnham's railways.

### Fitting for Halibuting.

Capt. Courtney McDonald is fitting sch. Grand Marshal for halibuting.

### Portland Fishing News.

Arrivals at the Portland fish wharves yesterday, totaling 6000 pounds of groundfish, were considered light by dealers. The Profisco brought 3000 pounds, the Elizabeth B., 3000 pounds, and the Anna C., 1000 pounds. Fares unloaded yesterday, which arrived late Monday night, were 12,000 pounds in the Rita A. Viator and similar quantity in the Fannie Belle.

Portland's fleet of fishermen were tied up at the wharves last night. Several of the schooners ventured to sea in the morning but high winds outside forced them to turn back and await favorable weather.

### N. S. Fish Notes.

Determination of the fishermen of Little Dover, Guysboro county, to market their catches, is shown in an account given Dr. R. Hamer, secretary of the United Maritime Fishermen. With the carrying costs on subsidized collection boats too high, the men employed trucks for more than two months with success. Late in December snow blocked the road to the market at Canso, eight miles away. The fishermen shovelled a path for the trucks to follow. With the Canso fish plants closed down for the season this month, the fishermen were forced to haul their boats ashore.

## HUB FLEET IS FAIRLY LARGE

SEVENTEEN ON HAND TODAY  
WITH 670,000 POUNDS OF  
FRESH FISH.

Seventeen arrivals were recorded at the Boston fish pier this morning. They brought in 466,000 pounds of groundfish and 204,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Prices held to about the same levels as have prevailed for several days. Haddock opened at \$4.50 to \$5; large cod, \$4 to \$4.25 and markets \$3.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Str. Ebb, 37,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Spray, 40,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 40,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Sea Hawk, 35,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 6000 mixed fish.  
Str. Shawmut, 65,000 haddock, 3800 cod, 28,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Fabia, 67,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Notre Dame, 12,000 haddock, 6000 mixed fish.  
Str. Fordham, 45,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 2400 mixed fish.  
Sch. Marietta B., 34,000 haddock, 8500 cod, 29,000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Wamsutta, 6500 haddock, 800 cod, 7000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Evelyn G. Sears, 24,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 900 mixed fish.  
Sch. Geraldine and Phyllis, 17,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 mixed fish.  
Sch. Vagabond, 8000 haddock, 700 cod, 22,000 mixed fish.  
Boat Emma Marie, 18,000 mixed fish.  
Boat Santina D., 5300 mixed fish.  
Boat Jackson and Arthur, 3000 mixed fish.  
Boat Rosie, 2700 mixed fish.  
Boat Josephine S., 3300 mixed fish.  
Haddock, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.25; market cod, \$3; hake, \$3; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4; cusk, \$3; gray sole, 7 cents to 8 cents; lemon sole, 10 cents; black backs, 5 cents; yellow tails, 1 1-2 cents; dab, 1 cent; shark, 5 cents; catfish, 2 1-2 cents.